the rest of Maharashtra will start under way shortly;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government will try the experiment in regard to other States also?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The Development Boards in Maharashtra have been set up under a constitutional provision.

(b) The Government feels that the setting up of Development Boards will meet the aspirations of the people and ensure a balanced development of backward regions of the State of Maharashtra.

(c) Since the provision of setting up Development Boards under Article 371(2) of the Constitution applies to the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat only, the question of its application in other States does not arise.

"Social forestry scheme"

*337. SHRI KANAKSIHN MOHANSINH MANGROLA:
SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-wise target for social forestry scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan has been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The countrywide targets fixed in respect of afforestation and tree planting activities including social forestry scheme, under the 20-Point Programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan was 8.6 million hectares, against which the total achievement was 8.8 million hectares.

The details of the State-wise Targets and achievements during Seventh Five Year Plan is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. *(See below).*

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Statewise target and achievements of afforestation and tree planting activities under 20-Point Programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan

(Area in hectare)

Sl. No.	States/U.T.'s.	Target	Achievement
1.	Andhra Pradesh	750000.00	727579.50
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	31500.00	31276.50
3.	Assam	110000.00	115107.00
4.	Bihar	700000.00	666970.50
5.	Goa	16600.00	16879.00
6.	Gujarat	561550.00	740605.50
7.	Haryana	178750.00	159346.50
8.	Himachal Pradesh	158750.00	164760.50
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	111350.00	113306.00
10.	Karnataka	655000.00	666984.50
11.	Kerala	287500.00	310827.50
12.	Madhya Pradesh	975000.00	992115.00
13.	Maharashtra	722500.00	858193.00

Sl. No.	States/U.T.'s.	Target	Achievement
14.	Manipur	42500.00	44162.50
15.	Meghalaya	48750.00	57067.00
16.	Mizoram	157650.00	102777.50
17.	Nagaland	65500.00	82675.00
18.	Orissa	637100.00	552234.50
19.	Punjab	121350.00	132301.00
20.	Rajasthan	266000.00	284945.00
21.	Sikkim	30100.00	30045.50
22.	Tamil Nadu	455000.00	429243.50
23.	Tripura	62500.00	63356.50
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1127500.00	1189689.00
25.	West Bengal	335000.00	303404.00
26.	A & N Islands	25750.00	26585.50
27.	Chandigarh	810.00	727.50
28.	D & N Haveli	9250.00	8349.50
29.	Daman & Diu	1450.00	202.00
30.	Delhi	9250.00	10749.00
31.	Lakshadweep	168.00	296.50
32.	Pondicherry	2450.00	2777.50
		8656578.00	8885539.50

Food processing units in the tribal areas

*338. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of food processing units functioning in the tribal areas of the country, State-wise;

(b) what is the subsidy provided to each of these units; and

(c) the details of assistance provided under various schemes to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Since the Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors, details of all Food Processing Units functioning all over the country including those in the tribal areas State-wise is not maintained centrally.

(b) and (c) The Ministry is operating various Plan Schemes for development of Food Processing Industries in the country including those in the tribal areas. Assistance level under some Schemes for the tribal areas are 25% more than in other areas. Details of assistance provided under various Schemes to Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years, year-wise are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1991-92	37.672
1992-93	190.432
1993-94	47.332

Express Highways in Western India

*339. SHRI GOVIND RAO ADIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Express Highways proposed to be constructed in Western India;

(b) the details thereof such as the population it is expected to cover, the length of the highway, cost of the project